

Lylburn Downing Middle School Band Guidelines for Success

Classroom Rules

1. Be here
2. Be ready
3. Be kind
4. Be engaged

OWN YOUR ACTIONS!

❖ Consequences

- 1st offense: Verbal Warning
- 2nd offense: One on one discussion with Mrs. Doyle
- 3rd offense: Parent will be contacted
- 4th offense: Referral to the principal

Classroom Procedures

- ❖ When you enter the room:
 - Check board for day's assignment
 - Get your instrument, music, pencil, and stand
 - Be in your seat and ready to make music by 3 minutes after the tardy bell.
- ❖ During class:
 - When the conductor steps on the podium, come to ready position.
 - Stop immediately when the conductor stops.
 - Raise your hand if you have a comment/question.
 - Stay in your seat unless you have permission to do otherwise.
 - Use hand signs to indicate need for water or bathroom. Sign out on small whiteboard-only one person out at a time for bathroom.
- ❖ At the end of class:
 - Chairs & stands proper position
 - All music and instruments put away-
 - Percussion instruments put away and hang stick bags.
- ❖ If you are unable to participate in class, fill out the "Rehearsal Detective".
- ❖ If your instrument is not working, please bring it to my attention & I will be glad to help.

Other information

❖ Identify your instrument.

Put your name on both ends of the case and inside the case. Put your name, LDMS, and home phone number inside your case. Percussion students need to have their name on their drumsticks and stick bags. This will be checked on August 20 and will be worth 10 points.

❖ Grading

Grading will be based on total points earned and consist of weekly grade, performance opportunities, written opportunities, and concerts. Students are graded daily on preparedness, music preparation, and participation. Participation includes playing in class and staying on task. A student may earn a maximum of 15 points per week. Opportunities for extra credit will be provided.

Performance opportunities should be videotaped and submitted by the due date through the Seesaw app/website or the school Office 365 account. Students also may arrange to video or play live for Mrs. Doyle before or after school. If a student is not happy with his/her grade, he/she may schedule a retake with Mrs. Doyle. If a student earns a higher grade on the retake, it will replace the original grade. Retakes may be played live for Mrs. Doyle after school, or a student may resubmit electronically.

Daily practice is the best way to improve the most. At a minimum, each student is expected to take the music & instrument home for the weekend. The closet & folder cabinet will be checked at 3:15 every Friday. Each weekend is worth 10 points.

Band is not only a class for individual learning; it is a performance class. Concerts and parades are the equivalent of exams in other classes. Each concert/parade is 100 points. If a student performs in a concert, he/she will earn 100 points. Only excused absences will be given an alternate assignment and will be dealt with on an individual basis. Unexcused absences will result in a zero for the performance.

❖ Performances

Enclosed is a schedule of events. Mandatory events are marked. Students may earn extra credit by participating in the other events listed. These are opportunities for extra enrichment. More information will be provided closer to each event.

School concerts are given in December and May.

December and March Concert attire is:

- Boys: a nice white shirt, tie, black/dark slacks, dark socks, and dark shoes
- Girls: a nice white blouse, black/dark skirt (*below the knee*) or slacks, and dark shoes
- NO JEANS!!
- This also is the attire for All Area and All District bands.

May Concert attire is:

- Band t-shirt/plain black t-shirt and jeans/jeans shorts

The band marches in the Lexington Christmas Parade.

Parade attire is:

- LDMS windbreaker – look for a memo with purchase information the end of September.
- Blue jeans
- Red Santa hats with white trim
- Neutral colored athletic shoes – no bright colors!
- White gloves (certain players, especially clarinetists, will have to cut off the gloves' fingertips)

❖ Equipment

Students are responsible for obtaining the equipment necessary to participate in band. All students must have a working instrument and a *Standards of Excellence* book (6th grade only). Listed below are instrument specific requirements:

✚ Brass students

- valve or slide oil
- tuning slide cream

✚ Oboe, clarinet, and sax students

- cork grease
- at least 2 working reeds at all times
- reed guards (specially designed reed holders)
- Recommended reeds
 - Oboes: Woodwind Brasswind or Marlin Lescher
 - Clarinets: Mitchell Lurie or Vandoren reeds
 - Saxes: Hemke or Vandoren

✚ Flute students: a cleaning cloth.

✚ Percussion students

- A stick bag with the following*:
 - A pair of drumsticks- wood tip only
 - A pair of keyboard percussion mallets - hard rubber or yarn
 - A pair of timpani mallets
 - A pair of practice sticks

*More information will be provided concerning the purchase of the stick bag.

- Access to a snare drum and mallet instrument for practice.

Some items may be purchased from the school vending machine or ordered online at <http://www.starcitymusic.com/> or www.wbw.com.

❖ Resources

❖ Contacting Mrs. Doyle

The best way to reach me is through email (kmdoyle@lexedu.org). If you need to speak with me, the best time to reach me is between 1:00 and 1:30 (463-3532).

❖ School Website

Can't find a form? Not sure when the concert is? Check out my page on the school website:

http://lexingtonva.gov/community/schools/ldms/faculty_pages/ms_doyle.htm

❖ Remind

Announcements/reminders will be sent out using the Remind app. Information on how to join is included in this packet.

Please sign & return this sheet by Friday, August 16th

I have read and understand the Lylburn Downing Middle School Band Guidelines for Success. I also received a copy of the Band Calendar.

Student signature_____date_____

Parent/Guardian signature_____date_____